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§ 301-11.30 What is my option if the Government lodging rate plus applicable taxes exceeds my lodging reimbursement?

You may request reimbursement on an actual expense basis, not to exceed 300 percent of the maximum per diem allowance. Approval of actual expenses is at the discretion of your agency.

Subpart B—Lodgings-Plus Per Diem

§ 301-11.100 What will I be paid for lodging under Lodgings-plus per diem?

When travel is more than 12 hours and overnight lodging is required you

When travel is		Your allowance is
More than 12 but less than 24 hours	75 percent of the applicable M&IE rate.
24 hours or more, on	The day of departure	75 percent of the applicable M&IE rate.
	Full days of travel	100 percent of the applicable M&IE rate.
	The last day of travel	75 percent of the applicable M&IE rate.

are reimbursed your actual lodging cost not to exceed the maximum lodging rate for the TDY location or stopover point.

§ 301-11.101 What allowance will I be paid for M&IE?

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, your allowance is as shown in the following table:

(b) If you travel by ship, either commercial or Government, your agency will determine an appropriate M&IE

rate within the applicable maximum rate allowable.

§ 301-11.102 What is the applicable M&IE rate?

For days of travel which		Your applicable M&IE rate is
Require lodging	The M&IE rate applicable for the TDY location.
Do not require lodging, and	Travel is more than 12 hours but less than 24 hours.	The M&IE rate applicable to the TDY site (or the highest M&IE rate applicable when multiple locations are involved).
	Travel is 24 hours or more, and you are traveling to a new TDY site or stopover point at midnight.	The M&IE rate applicable to the new TDY site or stopover point.
	Travel is 24 hours or more, and you are returning to your official station.	The M&IE rate applicable to the previous day of travel.

Subpart C—Reduced Per Diem

Subpart D—Actual Expense

§ 301-11.200 Under what circumstances may my agency prescribe a reduced per diem rate lower than the prescribed maximum?

Under the following circumstances:
(a) When your agency can determine in advance that lodging and/or meal costs will be lower than the per diem rate; and

(b) The lowest authorized per diem rate must be stated in your travel authorization in advance of your travel.

§ 301-11.300 When is actual expense reimbursement warranted?

When:

(a) Lodging and/or meals are procured at a prearranged place such as a hotel where a meeting, conference or training session is held;

(b) Costs have escalated because of special events (e.g., missile launching periods, sporting events, World's Fair, conventions, natural disasters); lodging and meal expenses within prescribed allowances cannot be obtained nearby;

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and costs to commute to/from the nearby location consume most or all of the savings achieved from occupying less expensive lodging;

(c) Because of mission requirements; or

(d) Any other reason approved within your agency.

§ 301-11.301 Who in my agency can authorize/approve my request for actual expense?

Any official designated by the head of your agency.

§ 301-11.302 When should I request authorization for reimbursement under actual expense?

Request for authorization for reimbursement under actual expense should be made in advance of travel. However, subject to your agency's policy, after the fact approvals may be granted when supported by an explanation acceptable to your agency.

§ 301-11.303 What is the maximum amount that I may be reimbursed under actual expense?

The maximum amount that you may be reimbursed under actual expense is limited to 300 percent (rounded to the next higher dollar) of the applicable maximum per diem rate. However, subject to your agency's policy, a lesser amount may be authorized.

§ 301-11.304 What if my expenses are less than the authorized amount?

When authorized actual expense and your expenses are less than the locality per diem rate or the authorized amount, reimbursement is limited to the expenses incurred.

§ 301-11.305 What if my actual expenses exceed the 300 percent ceiling?

Your reimbursement is limited to the 300 percent ceiling. There is no authority to exceed this ceiling.

§ 301-11.306 What expenses am I required to itemize under actual expense?

You must itemize all expenses, including meals, (each meal must be itemized separately) for which you will be reimbursed under actual expense. However, expenses that do not accrue daily (e.g., laundry, dry cleaning, etc.) may be averaged over the number of days your agency authorizes/approves actual expenses. Receipts are required for lodging, regardless of amount and any individual meal when the cost exceeds \$75. Your agency may require receipts for other allowable per diem expenses, but it must inform you of this requirement in advance of travel. When your agency limits M&IE reimbursement to either the prescribed maximum M&IE rate for the locality concerned or a reduced M&IE rate, it may or may not require M&IE itemization at its discretion.

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PART 301-12—MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

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301-12.1 What miscellaneous expenses are reimbursable?

301-12.2 What baggage expenses may my agency pay?

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§ 301-12.1 What miscellaneous expenses are reimbursable?

Your agency may authorize or approve reimbursement of miscellaneous travel expenses. Examples of such expenses include but are not limited to the following:

General expenses	Fees to obtain money	Special expenses of foreign travel
Baggage expenses as described in § 301-12.2.	Fees for travelers checks	Commissions on conversion of foreign currency.
Services of guides, interpreters, drivers	Fees for money orders	Passport and/or visa fees.
Use of computers, printers, faxing machines, and scanners.	Fees for certified checks	Costs of photographs for passports and visas.
Services of typists, data processors, or stenographers.	Transaction fees for use of automated teller machines (ATMs)—Government contractor-issued charge card.	Foreign country exit fees.